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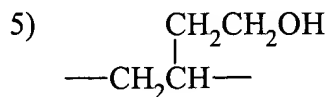
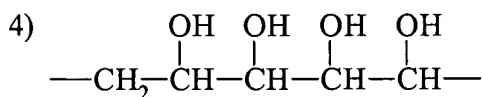
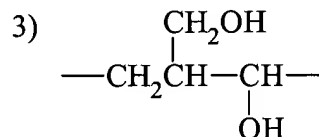
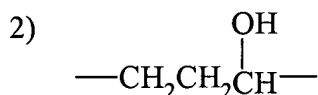
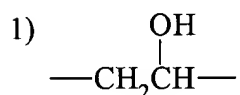
R^{21} is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkyl group having 1 to 20 carbon atoms which has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, sulfo, and alkoxy, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms which has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, carboxyl, alkyl or alkoxy, or a group represented by the formula of $-L^1-CH_2OH$ wherein L^1 is an alkylene group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms which has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl and hydroxylalkyl having 1 to 3 carbon atoms or which has an intervening ether bonding;

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hydroxyl, sulfo, and alkoxy, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms which has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, carboxyl, alkyl, or alkoxy, or a group represented by the formula of $-L^2CH_2OH$ wherein L^2 is an alkylene group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms which has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl and hydroxylalkyl having 1 to 3 carbon atoms or which has an intervening ether bonding; and

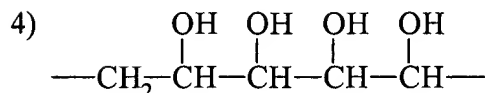
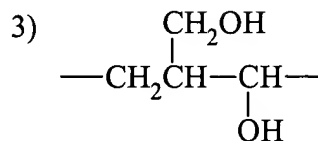
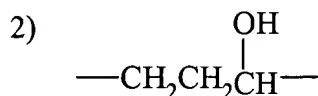
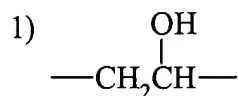
A' M is a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, ammonium group, or pyridinium group.

2. (Amended) 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid compound of claim 1, wherein at least one of L^1 and L^2 is a divalent group which is represented by one of the following formulas 1) to 5):

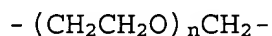


3. (Amended) 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid compound of claim 1, wherein at least one of L^1

and L² is a divalent group which is represented by one of the following formulas 1) to 4):



4. (Amended) 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid compound of claim 1, wherein at least one of L¹ and L² is a divalent group which is represented by the following formula:



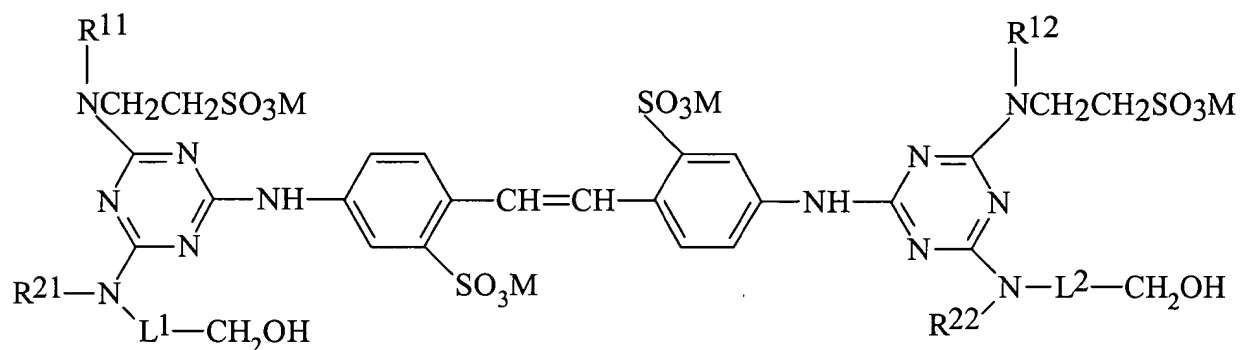
in which n is an integer of 1 to 3.

5. (Amended) 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid compound of claim 4, wherein n in the formula is 1 or 2.

6. (Amended) 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid compound of claim 1, wherein each of R¹¹ and R¹² in the formula independently is a hydrogen or methyl.

7. (Amended) 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid compound of claim 1, wherein each of R²¹ and R²² in the formula independently is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 2,3-dihydroxypropyl, 2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)-ethyl, 2-[2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethoxy]ethyl, phenyl, or 4-hydroxyphenyl.

8. (Amended) An aqueous solution in which a 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid compound having following formula is dissolved in water:



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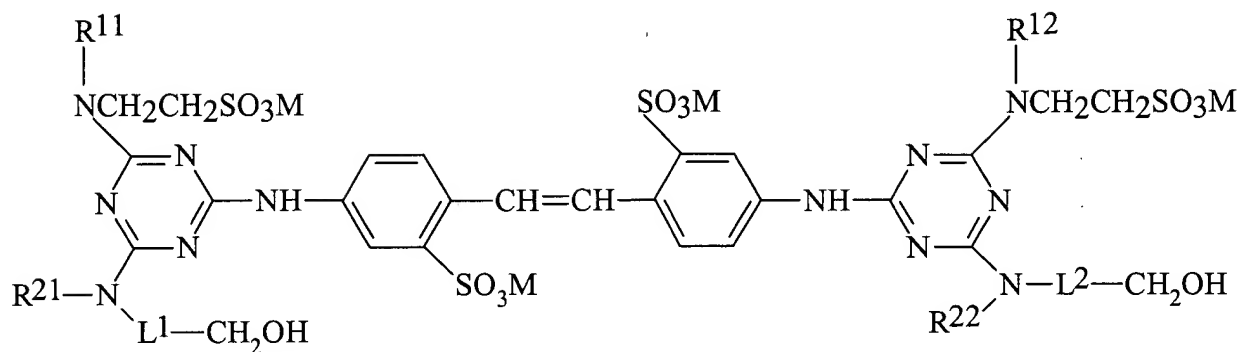
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atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 20 carbon atoms which has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, carboxyl, alkyl, or alkoxy, or a group represented by the formula of $-L^1-CH_2OH$ wherein L^1 is an alkylene group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms which has one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl and hydroxylalkyl having 1 to 3 carbon atoms or which has an intervening ether bonding;

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M is a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal atom, an alkaline earth metal atom, ammonium group, or pyridinium group.

9. (Amended) A method of brightening a surface of material with fluorescence which comprises applying onto the surface an aqueous solution in which a 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid compound having the following formula is dissolved in water:



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